

## Information on counterfeits withdrawn from circulation in the first half of 2023

In the first half of 2023, the Croatian National Bank recorded 2,380 counterfeit euro banknotes with a nominal value of EUR 149,185.00 and 335 counterfeit euro coins with a nominal value of EUR 656.00.

The following table shows data on withdrawn and recorded counterfeit euro banknotes in the first half of 2023, broken down by denomination and share.

1 January to 30 June 2023	€ 5	€ 10	€ 20	€ 50	€ 100	€ 200	€ 500	Total
Quantity (pcs)	5	134	451	1,282	347	135	26	2,380
Share (%)	0.2	5.6	18.9	53.9	14.6	5.7	1.1	100.0

In addition, a total of 30 counterfeit kuna banknotes and 51 counterfeit US dollar banknotes were registered in the first half of the year.

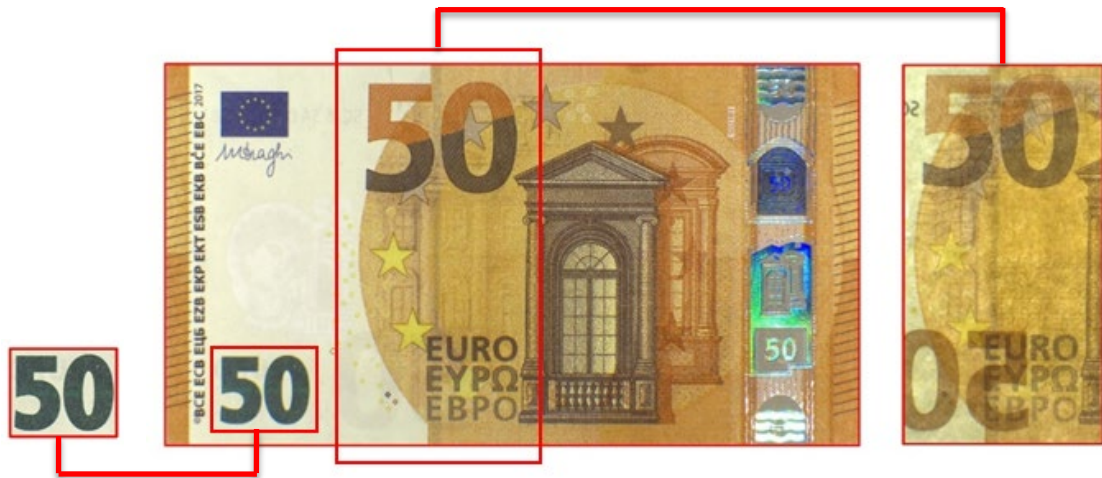
The European Central Bank publishes information about counterfeits [once a year](#), at the end of January, a practice to be followed by the Croatian National Bank as well. By way of exception, this year the CNB has also published biannual data on counterfeits due to increased interest from the public in the first year of euro area membership.

To find out about the authentication process for all denominations of euro banknotes and coins, the public and retailers can access the website "[Euro edukacija](#)" free of charge, no registration required.

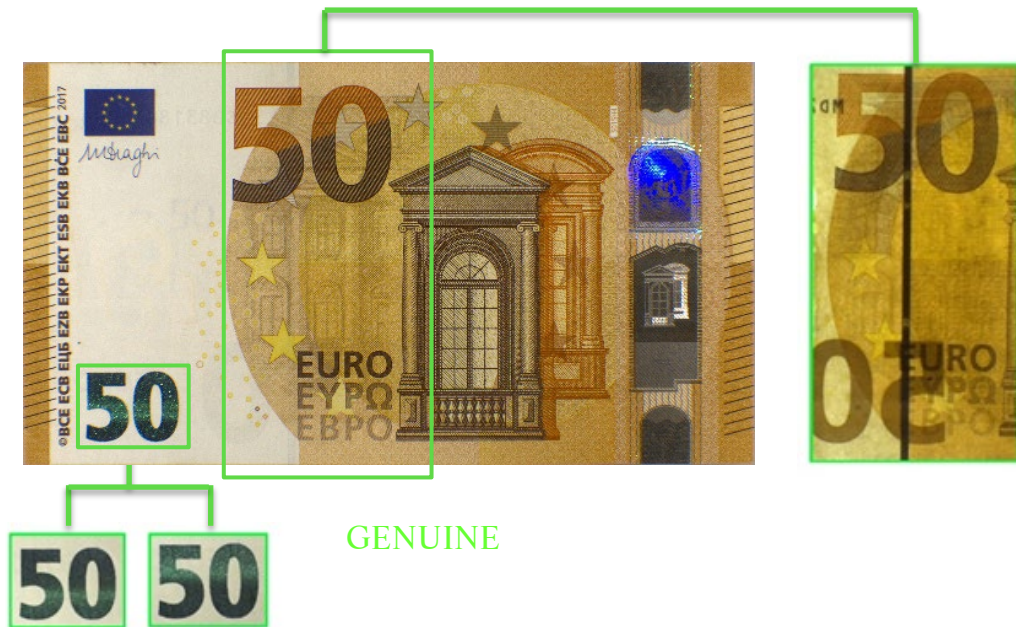
Most counterfeit euro banknotes are easy to identify by using the [feel, look and tilt](#) method.

In the observed period, 50 euro banknotes of the Europa series accounted for the largest number of counterfeit euro banknotes withdrawn from circulation. They are easy to detect by checking at least two of their security features:

- By looking at the banknote against the light, a **security thread**, embedded in the banknote paper should appear as an uninterrupted dark line. The value of the banknote and the € symbol can be seen in the security thread. The counterfeit below does not display a security thread.
- The obverse side of the banknote should feature an **emerald number** in the bottom-left corner. By tilting the banknote, the shiny number displays an effect of the light that moves up and down and changes colour from emerald green to deep blue. The emerald number on the counterfeit banknote below does not change colour and does not display an effect of light when tilted.



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Counterfeit 20 euro banknotes of the Europa series featuring the text “movie money”, “prop copy” or “This is not legal. It is to be used for motion props.” are also very common. No security features are imitated on these counterfeits, which makes them easy to detect if attention is paid to the banknotes received.

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Pay attention to the following:

- On the obverse of genuine banknotes there is a signature of the President of the European Central Bank below the EU flag. If the banknote features some other text, such as “*Movie Money*”, on that position, the banknote is a counterfeit.
- The left edge of the obverse of genuine banknotes features the initials of the European Central Bank in nine linguistic variants. If additional text, such as “*This is not legal. It is to be used for motion props*” is printed next to the initials, the banknote is a counterfeit.

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- If you notice text such as “*This is not legal. It is used for motion props only*” on the reverse of the banknote, the banknote is a counterfeit.

If you have received a suspicious banknote or coin, please bring it to the nearest bank, the Financial Agency or HP-Hrvatska pošta d.d. or hand it over to police officers at the nearest police station.